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SUBJECT: PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FRENCH
OFFICIALS ON FRENCH FIRM INVOLVED IN IRANIAN UAV ENGINE
PROCUREMENT EFFORT (S)

REF: A. 2008 STATE 134297
[1](#)B. WALLER - HERRMANN E-MAIL - JAN 7
[1](#)C. WALLER - HERRMANN E-MAIL - JAN 14

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM FOR REASONS 1.4 (B),
(D).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Please see
paragraph 4.

[1](#)2. (S) In late December 2008, we informed French
officials that as of mid-November 2008, a procurement
official affiliated with Iran's unmanned aerial vehicle
(UAV) program was seeking German-origin engines via the
French intermediary Technical Assistance and Financial
Services SA (TAFS SA) (Ref A). We asked the GOF to
investigate this information and to take measures to
prevent French firms from acting as suppliers to
Iranian entities of proliferation concern. Although
French officials agreed to conduct an investigation,
they also advised that they had no record of the TAFS
SA, and requested additional identifying information on
the firm (Refs B & C).

[1](#)3. (S) Objectives: We want to provide the GOF with the
address of TAFS SA, as well as more complete
information on the identity of a TAFS SA
representative.

[1](#)4. (U) Action Request: Department requests Embassy
Paris approach appropriate host government officials to
deliver talking points in paragraph 5 and report
response. Talking points can be left as a non-paper.

[1](#)5. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

(SECRET//REL FRANCE)

-- The United States greatly appreciates France's
leadership of and support for international efforts to
advance nonproliferation.

-- In the spirit of our nonproliferation partnership,
we would like to follow-up with you on a matter of
proliferation concern.

-- In late December 2008 we informed you that in mid-
November 2008, a foreign commercial manager for Iran's
unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) program expressed
interest in acquiring German-origin Limbach L550E
engines from the French firm Technical Assistance and
Financial Services SA (TAFS SA).

-- We encouraged you to investigate this information
and to take measures to ensure that French-based firms
were not acting as suppliers of sensitive items to
Iranian entities of proliferation concern.

-- In response, you advised us that you had no record of TAFS SA, and requested additional identifying information on the firm to facilitate your investigation.

-- We now want to provide you with the following information:

-- The address of Technical Assistance and Financial Services SA is: 1 Rue Jean Philippe Ramanau, 78100 Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France. The firm was previously located at 1, Rue Vivaldi; 78100 Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France.

-- The Iranian foreign commercial manager was likely dealing with TAFS SA representative Nosratollah (also known as Nosrat) Tofighi.

-- We hope this information is helpful to your investigation of this matter, and look forward to learning of the results of your inquiries.

-- We know France shares a similar strong commitment to nonproliferation and will take the necessary steps to prevent exports that could contribute to missile proliferation.

16. (U) Please contact ISN/MTR's John Paul Herrmann with any questions or follow-up related to this case (202-647-1430 - herrmannjp2@state.gov or herrmannjp@state.sgov.gov) and slug reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR, EUR/WE, and EUR/PRA.

17. (U) A Word version file of this document will be posted at www.state.sgov.gov/demarche.
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